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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for his thorough examination of the present application. In view of the arguments presented in detail below, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable.

I. The Claimed Invention

The present invention is directed to an integrated structure. As recited in independent Claim 17, for example, the integrated structure includes a substrate having a first conductivity type and an epitaxial layer on the substrate. The epitaxial layer has the first conductivity type and a conductivity less than a conductivity of the substrate. Moreover, the integrated structure also includes first and second regions in the epitaxial layer each having a second conductivity type opposite the first conductivity type. The first and second regions extend from a surface of the epitaxial layer opposite the substrate into the epitaxial